

3 March 1949

MEMORANDUM

TO:

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FROM: Chief, FBIB

1. The following information was furnished the undersigned by Lt. Colonel George Beeler and Lt. Colonel George Jones of the Advance Study Group, Department of the Army, on 2 March 1949, as of possible interest to CIA with a request that it be furnished the specific office in CIA which might have a primary interest therein:

a. During the week ending 25 February 1949 the Advance Study Group visited the Russian Institute of Columbia University which is directed by a Dr. Robinson. During the course of their discussions with this group Professor Ernest J. Simmons expressed his opinion that the government was not properly exploiting all of the possibilities of getting information out of the Soviet Union in that of an estimated 40,000 titled publications annually our government received only 7,000, and further that personnel engaged with the collection of such information should necessarily study the Soviet press in order to intelligently direct their effort. Professor Simmons recommended "Current Digest of the Soviet Press," which is a weekly publication sponsored by the Joint Committee on Soviet Studies and which is published by The American Council of Learned Societies, 1219 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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